

What is Claimed is:

1. An electronic message management system comprising:
an information selection device that identifies an electronic message based on
one or more sender-independent message-based rules; and

5 an electronic message management device that at least one of selects and
integrates the electronic message into a digest or samples the electronic message.

2. The system of claim 1, further comprising a digest management device that
delivers the digest to a predetermined destination upon satisfaction of at least one of the one
or more sender-independent message-based rules.

10 3. The system of claim 1, further comprising an information sampling device that
delivers the sampled electronic message to a predetermined destination based on one or more
of the sender-independent message-based rules.

4. The system of claim 1, further comprising a rule management device that
manages the one or more sender-independent message-based rules.

15 5. The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more sender-independent message-
based rules include a Boolean comparison, a statistical-based selection criteria, a fuzzy logic
based selection criteria, a keyword based selection criteria, a date, a subject, a recipient or a
sender-based selection criteria.

20 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic message is at least one of an
e-mail, an electronic message from a mailing list and bulletin board posting.

7. A method for managing electronic message comprising:
identifying an electronic message based on one or more sender-independent
message-based rules; and
at least one of selecting and integrating the electronic message into a digest or
25 sampling the electronic message.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising delivering the digest to a
predetermined destination upon satisfaction of at least one of the one or more sender-
independent message-based rules.

9. The method of claim 7, further comprising determining and updating the
30 digest based on one or more of the sender-independent message-based rules.

10. The method of claim 7, further comprising delivering the sampled electronic
message to a predetermined destination based on one or more of the sender-independent
message-based rules.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more sender-independent message-based rules include a Boolean comparison, a statistical-based selection criteria, a fuzzy logic based selection criteria, a keyword based selection criteria, a date, a subject, a recipient or a sender-based selection criteria.

12. The method of claim 7, wherein the electronic message is at least one of an e-mail, an electronic message from a mailing list and bulletin board posting.

13. An information storage media comprising information that manages electronic messages comprising:

information that identifies an electronic message based on one or more sender-independent message-based rules; and

information that at least one of selects and integrates the electronic message into a digest or samples the electronic message.

14. The information storage media of claim 13, further comprising information that deliver the digest to a predetermined destination upon satisfaction of at least one of the one or more sender-independent message-based rules.

15. The information storage media of claim 13, further comprising information that determines and updates the digest based on one or more of the sender-independent message-based rules.

16. The information storage media of claim 13, further comprising information that delivers the sampled electronic message to a predetermined destination based on one or more of the sender-independent message-based rules.

17. The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the one or more sender-independent message-based rules include a Boolean comparison, a statistical-based selection criteria, a fuzzy logic based selection criteria, a keyword based selection criteria, a date, a subject, a recipient or a sender-based selection criteria.

18. The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the electronic message is at least one of an e-mail, an electronic message from a mailing list and bulletin board posting.

19. An electronic message management system comprising:

a data selection system that identifies at least one electronic message from a plurality of electronic messages based on a sender based rule; and

an electronic message management system functionally associated with the data selection system, the electronic message management system adapted to communicate the at least one electronic message into a file.

20. The electronic message management system of claim 19 wherein the data selection system samples the plurality of electronic messages.

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